

RUMORS SET AT REST

MINISTER KUROKI DEFINES JAPAN'S POLICY TOWARDS COREA.

He Says No Protectorate Is Desired—Deep Water Commission Appointed by President Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The telegram from the Japanese government to its minister at Washington, announcing authoritatively the policy of Japan in Corea has created a great deal of interest in diplomatic circles. The Japanese minister, when approached on the subject, said very frankly that this announcement of Japan's attitude towards Corea could only be construed in one way, namely as an indication of the earnest desire of the Japanese government to remove all possible cause for misapprehension upon the subject. "Recent events in Corea," said Mr. Kuroki, "have unfortunately given rise to the impression in some quarters that Japan is seeking to exercise exclusive control over that country; in other words, to establish a protectorate. Nothing could be further from the truth than this supposition. In dealing with Corea Japan has but one object, the establishment and maintenance of the independence of the Korean kingdom. In holding this purpose the Japanese government is not actuated by any wish to control Corea or by any motive of purely altruistic benevolence. Her interests demand that Corea shall be independent and that the Korean government shall be strong enough to maintain order within the kingdom and to protect foreigners residing there.

"Eighty per cent. of Corea's trade is with Japan; the regular lines of communication between Corea and other countries are entirely under Japanese control, while large numbers of Japanese reside in Corea for purposes of business. Through the weak and vacillating policy of the Korean government, largely due formerly to Chinese influence, all of these interests are being seriously endangered. Internal disorder has become the rule rather than the exception in Corea, and at every fresh outbreak it was Japanese subjects that suffered most. It can be seen from this that Japan has a strong motive entirely different from that of the political desire to establish a protectorate over Corea.

"Corean affairs are still unhappily in a most chaotic condition, and the best means for improving the condition of the government and people are being obstructed by the real situation in Corea and the true designs of Japan. All such doubts should be removed by the declaration of policy contained in the telegram from our government, which is a clear and succinct statement of its true designs. The presence of a large force of Japanese troops in Corea has doubtless been one reason why the impression has gained ground that the Japanese government desires to establish a protectorate there.

"The declaration of Japan does not mean that all of the Japanese troops will be withdrawn from Corea when Port Arthur is evacuated, for the retention of a suitable force will probably still be necessary for the protection of Japanese subjects and the legation and consulates. But the maintenance of even a small force is clearly regarded as temporary, as is shown by the statement that the Japanese government hopes that the work of relief having been set in motion will progress, and that consequently Corea will shortly be able to maintain order and protect foreigners in which event the troops still retained for those purposes will be recalled. These declarations clearly tend to remove all at rest the rumors regarding Japan's designs on Corea, which have already gained some degree of credence and have been uncontradicted, are calculated to lead to most mischievous and injurious consequences. The attitude of Japan is consistent from the beginning. At the outset she declared that her sole object was the maintenance of Korean independence."

DEEP WATER COMMISSION.

Angell, Cooley and Russell Appointed by President Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The President has made the following appointments: James B. Angell, of Michigan; John E. Russell, of Massachusetts; and Lyman E. Cooley, of Illinois, to be commissioners to make inquiry and report on the feasibility of a deep-water canal between the great lakes and the Atlantic ocean, under the act approved March 2, last, by the President of the United States, to be agent to make allotments to Indians, Patrick H. Kirwan, of Illinois, to be surveyor-general of Minnesota.

Lieutenants D. L. Wilson, N. J. Halpine, Houston Edwards, and Chief Engineer Marge have been placed in the retired list of the navy. The following promotions in the navy have been made by the President: Commanders T. O. Selfridge to be rear admiral; Commander Francis A. Cook to be captain; Lieutenant Frederick S. Russell to be lieutenant commander; Ensigns H. P. Jones and W. O. Holmes to be lieutenants; Surgeon Dwight Dixon to be medical inspector; and Assistant Engineers A. S. Halstead and W. E. Daxton, passed assistant engineers.

The deep-water Commission is required to meet and confer with a similar commission yet to be appointed by Great Britain or the Dominion of Canada with reference to the creation of a deep-water connection between the lakes and the Atlantic, and if any part of this channel shall fall within Canadian lines they are to determine what treaty stipulations are necessary to insure the free use of the channel to citizens of the United States on equal terms with Canadians. No salary is attached to the position of commissioner, although expenses are provided for. The commission as constituted ranks high as engineering officers. Mr. Angell, who negotiated the Chinese treaty, is regarded as peculiarly fit to treat the diplomatic questions involved; Mr. Cooley by profession able to pass on the engineering features of the work, and ex-Representative Russell, of Massachusetts, is believed to be equipped to deal with the enterprise as a commercial project.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

President Cleveland Issues the Usual National Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—President Cleveland to-day issued a proclamation designating Thursday, Nov. 28, as Thanksgiving Day. The proclamation follows: "The constant and cheerful observance of Almighty God which have been vouchsafed to the American people during the year which is just past call for their sincere acknowledgment of devout gratitude. To the end, therefore, that we may unite in the thanksgiving and praise of the loving care of our heavenly Father, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of the present month of November, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, to be kept and observed by all our people. On that day let us forego our usual occupations, and join our accustomed places of worship, join in

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rendering thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for the bounteous returns that have rewarded our prayers for the peace and order that have prevailed throughout the land, and for our protection from pestilence and dire calamity, and for other blessings that have been showered upon us from an open hand, and with our thanksgiving, let us humbly beseech the Lord God to incline the hearts of our people unto Him that He will not leave us forsake us as a nation, but will continue to His mercy and protection, and will guide us in the path of nations' prosperity and happiness, ending us with rectitude and virtue and keeping alive within us patriotic love for the free institutions which have been given to us as our national heritage, and will direct us on the day of our thanksgiving especially remember the poor and needy and by deeds of charity let us show the sincerity of gratitude."

Katahdin Likely to Be Accepted. WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The indications are that the ram Katahdin will not be rejected, notwithstanding her failure to accomplish all that was required of her in the matter of speed. As the vessel, which is otherwise perfect, made several hundred horsepower more than she was originally designed for, it is now quite apparent that the difficulty lies in the peculiar model of the ship, which the Bath Iron works did not design or alter in any way. They are not pressing for another trial, but stating that if that vessel has been gotten out of the boat, as the law under which the Katahdin was built imposed no requirement as to speed, and the only stipulation on that point is contained in the contract, it is probable that Secretary Herbert may decide in view of the fact that there was no bid in competition with that of the Bath Iron works, to arrange for the acceptance of the vessel with perhaps a slight deduction from the contract price.

More Democrats to Be Protected. WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Secretary Smith will recommend to the President the placing of the law clerks of the Interior Department and General Land Office under the civil-service law. He will also suggest that all members of the clerical force at the Indian agencies and schools be included in the order.

General Notes. WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Secretary Carlisle left Washington, this afternoon, for Covington, Ky., where he will vote tomorrow.

ASSAULTED AND MURDERED. Fate of a Little Girl and Prompt Arrest of Three Young Men.

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